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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Attorney Docket No. : 501082.04 (98-0616.03)

Serial No. : 09/652,993

Group Art Unit : 2815

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Examiner : Jose R. Diaz

Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, of the above-identified application.

## 1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

- a. ☒ Submission previously submitted
- ☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on March 4, 2002.
  - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☐ Submission enclosed
- ☐ Amendment/Reply
  - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

**2. Suspension of Action** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)

☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

**3. Accompanying Papers**

☒ Postcard  
☒ Check  
☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet  
☐ Petition

**4. Deposit Account**

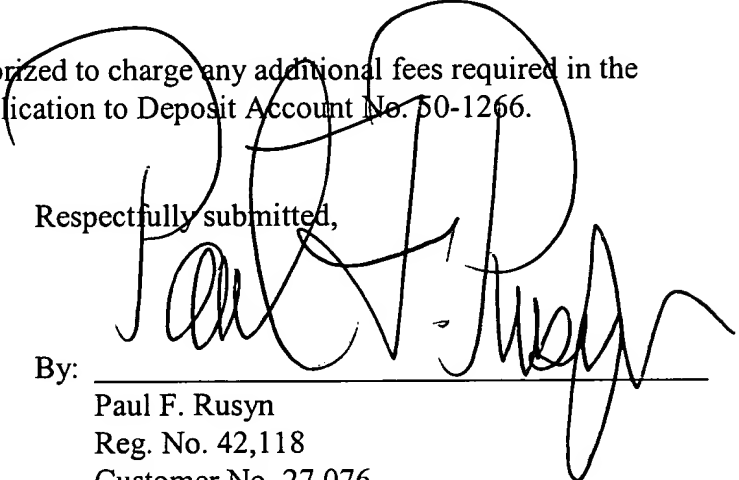
☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

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